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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 10
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-10-12

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 10 closes set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict on Thursday, July 12, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Drifters are reminded that their fishing period on Thursday, July 12 is restricted to Drift Gillnet Area 1 and the Kenai and Kasilof Sections (Figures 1 and 2; this is the regular corridor, not the expanded corridor). This restriction is in compliance with 5AAC 21.353 *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.

As of July 11, all indices used to assess inriver abundance of Kenai River king salmon indicate a run that is well below average. Inseason projections show all indices will not achieve their respective minimum inseason management objective. Closing the regularly scheduled fishing period for set gillnets in the Upper Subdistrict on Thursday, July 12 is intended to pass king salmon into the Kenai River.

The current cumulative passage estimate of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River through July 10 is 88,000 fish. The average cumulative passage through July 10 in the Kenai River in the previous 10 years is 93,000 fish. In the Kasilof River, the cumulative passage through July 10, 2012 is 56,000 fish. The average cumulative passage in the Kasilof River from the previous 10 years is 125,000 fish.

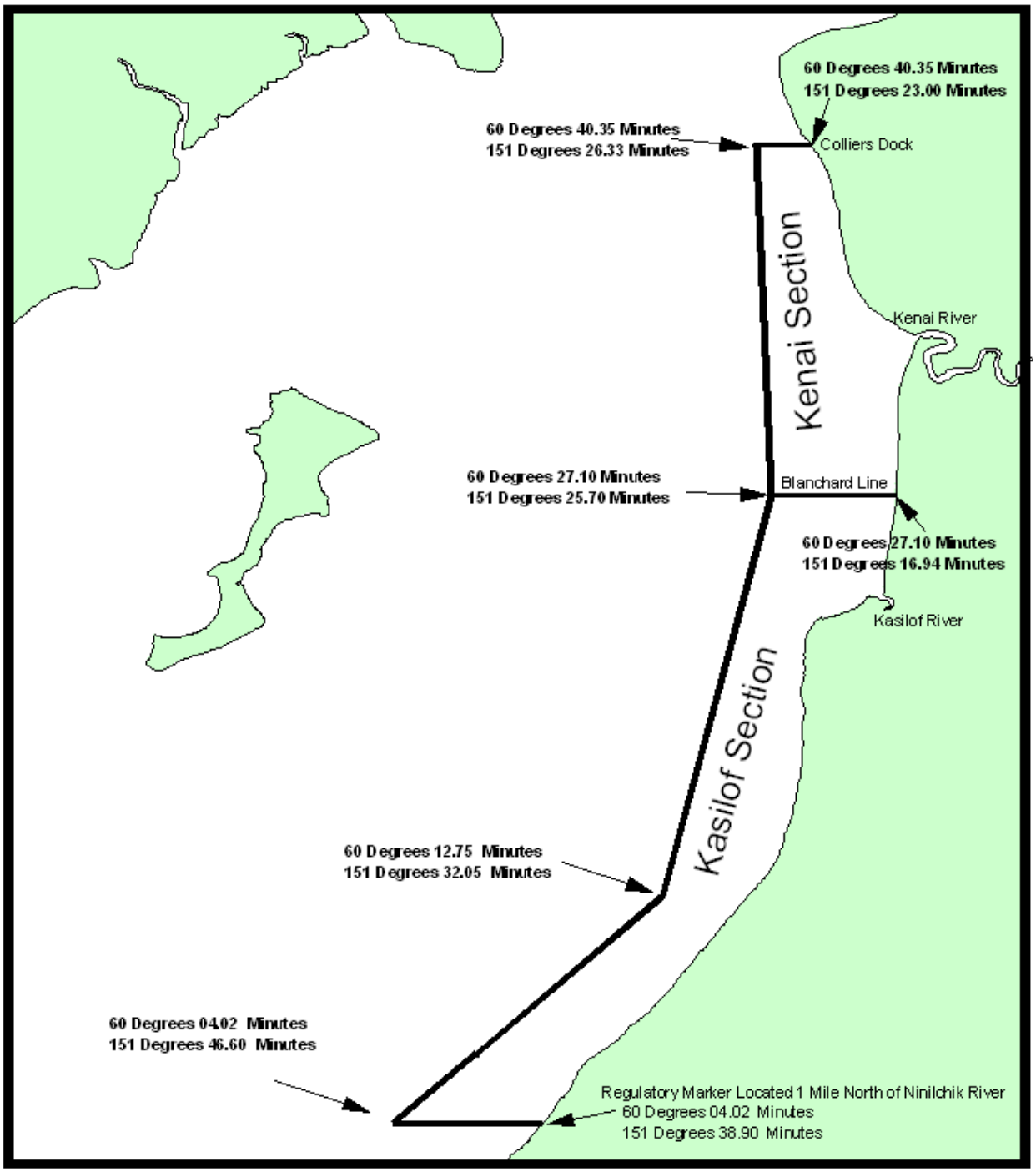

Figure 1. Map of the Kasilof and Kenai Corridors with waypoints.

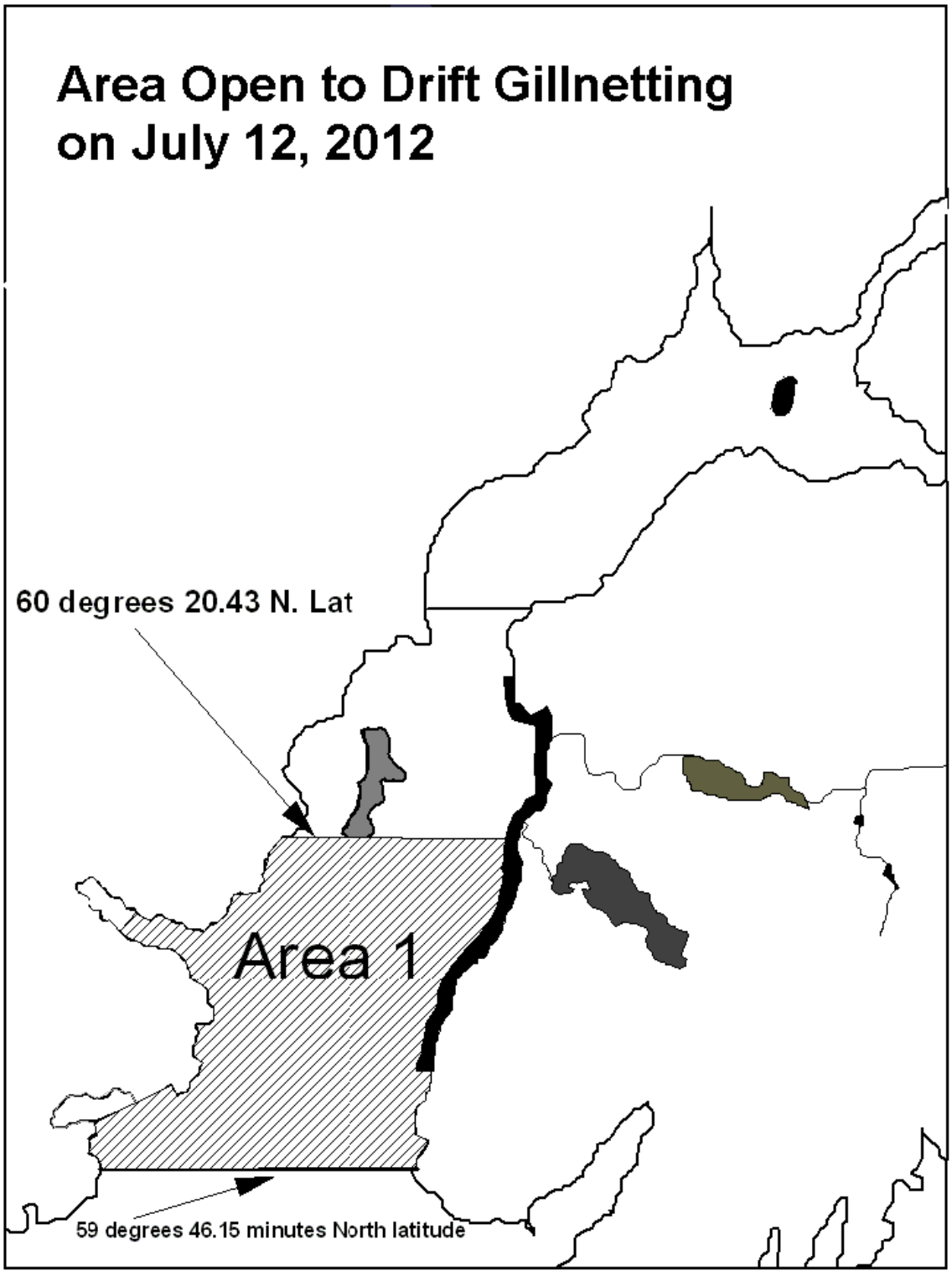

Figure 2. Map of Drift Area One (shaded area) and the Kasilof and Kenai Corridors (black area).